

The Goals, Objectives, and Strategies (GOS) are based on issues and needs identified in the *Statewide Forest Resource Assessment's* key findings and priority maps. Seven broad goals have been identified, and each contains objectives that define what is to be accomplished. Strategies identify how to accomplish the objectives. The GOS document helps to provide a 5-year roadmap for NCDFR and its partners.

Each goal statement includes a narrative paragraph summarizing its intent. Each strategy includes a matrix that organizes the strategy into logical and consistent components. Each matrix summarizes key details as follows:

Objective statement—What will be accomplished to meet the associated goal. Included in the statement is a list of the *Statewide Forest Resource Assessment's* chapter sections where key findings are listed and addressed by the associated strategies. USDA Forest Service national objectives are also listed to indicate those that are supported by the associated strategies.

Strategy statement—How the objectives will be accomplished. Components needed to achieve the strategy are identified in columns as follows:

Priority Area(s)—Identifies maps and priority areas that focus a strategy. The strategies will complement and be integrated into existing and newly created NCDFR and forestry stakeholder programs and responsibilities.

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Introduction

DFR Program Areas—NCDFR programs and units that will be directly involved or provide support to accomplish the strategy.

Key Stakeholders and Partners—Agencies, organizations, and groups from which leadership or collaboration will be needed to implement the strategy.

Resources Needed—Programs and resources needed to implement the strategy.

Measures of Success—Performance measures that could potentially be used to monitor strategy accomplishments.

An attempt was made to reduce unnecessary repetition within the GOS document. For example, a strategy or issue was not highlighted in one Goal if that strategy or issue was addressed in detail in another Goal. Specific activities to meet each strategy will be furthered developed in an annual action plan. NCDFR and its partners will incorporate the activities outlined in the annual action plan into existing or newly created programs. When appropriate, there will be an emphasis on the *Statewide Forest Resource Assessment's* priority areas.

The support and collaboration of partners and stakeholders is important to the successful implementation of the GOS. Therefore, partnership involvement and collaboration is integrated within most strategies. Funding, implementation and oversight of some strategies may be the responsibility of other organizations besides NCDFR. Examples of inter-organizational